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MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Dear Friends:

I join with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in recognizing this March as Women's History Month.

The contributions of women to our history and society are too often ignored in favor of narratives that honor men alone. We must highlight the work and accomplishments of our women pioneers such that the next generation aspires to emulate them.

Moreover, this Women's History Month, we must go be-

yond celebrating our progress and honoring our women pioneers. We, especially lawmakers, must renew our dedication to achieving full equality of opportunity for women. I agree with President Obama's sentiments when he said in his speech on the 50th Anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" at the Edmund Pettus Bridge: "What greater form of patriotism is there than the belief that America is not yet finished, that we are strong enough to be self-critical, that each successive generation can look

upon our imperfections and decide that it is in our power to remake this nation to more closely align with our highest ideals?"

Additionally, we must all remember that "when women succeed America succeeds."

Sincerely,

Al Green
Your Congressman

COSPONSORED LEGISLATION

•**H.R.1354:** Permanently Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2015 (3/13/15)

•**H.R.1260:** American Opportunity Tax Credit Act of 2015 (3/4/15)

•**H.R.1286:** Child Tax Credit Permanency Act of 2015 (3/4/15)

•**H.R.1294:** Meeting the Inpatient Health Care Needs of Far South Texas Veterans Act of 2015 (3/4/15)

HONORING THE LATE HFD FIRE CAPTAIN DWIGHT BAZILE

On February 27, 2015, Congressman Al Green entered the following statement into the record regarding the late Houston Fire Department (HFD) Captain Dwight Bazile.

"Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of a brave firefighter and exceptional man, Houston Fire Department (HFD) Captain Dwight Bazile of Houston Fire Station 46.

"On Thursday, February 19, 2015, Captain Bazile suffered a cardiac arrest after assisting in the extinguishment of a fire at a duplex in south Houston. Two days later, Captain Bazile, aged 57, passed away at Memorial

Hermann Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Bazile; his college-aged son, Dwight Bazile, II; and his mother, Charlotte Felder.

"The loss of this intrepid fire captain, father, husband, and son is inestimable. Captain Bazile, as with all of our firefighters, selflessly risked his life and limbs to save people in the most dire circumstances. While our community is emotionally devastated, we are also in awe of the leadership, dignity, and courage of the late Captain Bazile.

"Mr. Speaker, as we sadly bid farewell to Captain Bazile, we must find consolation in knowing that in his 37 years in the HFD, Captain Bazile saved and comforted many individuals, all while 'in the line of duty.'"



Congressman Al Green speaking on the House floor on March 4, 2015, honoring the late HFD Captain Dwight Bazile.

YOUNG ADULT POSITIVE PROACTIVE PARTNERSHIP

(Houston, TX)—On February 28, 2015, Congressman Al Green hosted the Young Adult Positive Proactive Partnership meeting at the Fountain Life Center. Elected officials, community leaders and young adults were on hand to discuss topics ranging from education, incarceration, community policing, mentorship, personal responsibility, civic engagement, church involvement, and family history.

“I firmly believe leaders in our communities must work with our youth to promote a dialogue that moves our nation forward,” Congressman Al Green said.



Congressman Al Green with fellow attendees at the Young Adult Positive Proactive Partnership Meeting.

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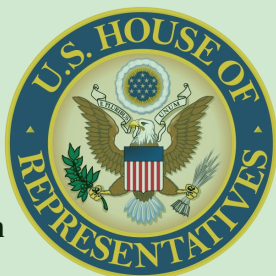
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HHS SECRETARY BURWELL VISITS SOUTHWEST MULTISERVICE CENTER

(Houston, TX)—On February 14, 2015, Congressman Al Green toured the Southwest Multiservice Center with Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia Burwell.

“In the Greater Houston Area, we have a multitude of hospitals and clinics serving those who are traditionally underserved,” Congressman Al Green said. “I commend Secre-

tary Burwell for recognizing the importance of the Southwest Multiservice Center and the efforts of the medical professionals who serve our community.”



Congressman Al Green with (from left to right) Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee and HHS Secretary Burwell at the press conference following the tour of the Southwest Multiservice Center.

TWELFTH ANNUAL INDIA HOUSE GALA

(Houston, TX)—On March 21, 2015, Congressman Al Green joined other local elected officials and members of Houston’s Indian community at the Twelfth Annual India House Gala. The theme for the gala was ‘Unity in Diversity,’ and included a speech from Olympic Gold Medalist Carl Lewis.

“Houston has such an active and vibrant Indian community, which is known for its promotion of unity and diversity within our city,” Congressman Al Green said. “The India House’s efforts are essential to the vitality of our community.”



Congressman Al Green speaking on stage at the Twelfth Annual India House Gala.

NAACP SPECIAL ORDER SESSION

(Washington, DC)—On February 12, 2015, following a request from Congressman Al Green (TX-09), the House of Representatives conducted a special order session honoring the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on its 106th Anniversary. Earlier in the year, Congressman

with the NAACP. I take great pride in my membership,” Congressman Al Green said. “I have been fortunate enough to serve on the board of the Houston branch of the NAACP and served for nearly a decade as president of the Houston branch of the NAACP.”

In his remarks in



Congressman Al Green speaking on the House floor on February 12, 2015, the 106th Anniversary of the NAACP.

Al Green introduced a resolution recognizing the anniversary. He has introduced resolutions recognizing the NAACP's anniversaries every year since 2006. The House and Senate approved four of the resolutions in both sessions of the 110th and 111th Congresses.

“I know I have been the beneficiary of the NAACP's good works. I am honored to have a lifetime membership

honor of the NAACP, Congressman Al Green emphasized the important moral role that the organization has played throughout American history, which continues today.

Congressman Charlie Rangel (NY-13) and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18) also joined Congressman Al Green in making remarks to honor the NAACP.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON FERGUSON, MISSOURI

(Washington, DC)—On March 4, 2015, Congressman Al Green joined other members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) in addressing the Justice Department's report on Ferguson, Missouri's police department and city government.

“The Justice Department has but only confirmed with empirical evidence what the anecdotal evidence has revealed to us for years in courtrooms across our nation. Generally speaking, if you walk into any courtroom, you are going to see poor people and

minorities. You are going to see people begging and pleading for more time to pay fines that minimum wages cannot afford. This problem is pervasive and the constabulary, working with the city councils, working with the judicial system, has created a circumstance whereby under the guise of public safety and law enforcement, people are being taxed. This is another invidious tax (masquerading as a fine) that has been disproportionately imposed upon poor people and minorities. It is time for us to act and address this injustice.”



Rep. Al Green with (from left to right) Reps. Barbara Lee, John Conyers, Lacy Clay, Jim Clyburn, G.K. Butterfield and Bobby Scott.

CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN TRAVELS TO SELMA TO COMMEMORATE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF "BLOODY SUNDAY"



Congressman Al Green and John Lewis in Selma, Alabama for the 50th Anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

(Selma, Alabama)—Over the weekend of March 6, 2015, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) joined civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis (GA-05) in leading thousands of marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

The marchers included a bipartisan coalition of Members of Congress, as well as civil rights leaders and citizens from across the country. As one of the original marchers on "Bloody Sunday," Congressman Lewis suffered a fractured skull when state troopers beat back the group of peaceful voting rights protestors. President Obama addressed the marchers on Saturday

in a historic speech at the foot of the bridge. Congressman Al Green's statement is below:

"It was awe-inspiring to be on the Edmund Pettus



Congressman Al Green with fellow lawmakers and marchers in Selma, Alabama for the 50th Anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

Bridge and listen to President Obama, our nation's first African-American President, discuss the legacy of 'Bloody Sunday.' Fifty years ago on that same bridge, under the color of law, peace officers and civilians beat back and menaced peaceful protesters as they marched for voting rights. The individuals who chose to participate in that march were of great courage. They were doing it at a time when they did not always benefit from constitutional rights and protections. In those days, African-Americans suffered abuses that many times went unpunished.

"Each time I march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on the anniversary of 'Bloody Sunday' alongside Congressman John Lewis, I am reminded of how critical it is that we continue to guard and strengthen voting rights. We must strengthen the Voting Rights Act, the legacy of 'Bloody Sunday,' such that we can preserve and expand on the progress we have made as a nation."



Congressman Al Green standing on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the site of "Bloody Sunday."



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